

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Special Meeting
Friday, May 30, 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT:	Jesse R. Smart, Chairman Charles W. Scholz, Vice Chairman Harold D. Byers, Member Betty J. Coffrin, Member William M. McGuffage, Member Bryan A. Schneider, Member Casandra B. Watson, Member
ABSENT:	Ernest L. Gowen, Member
ALSO PRESENT:	Rupert Borgsmiller, Executive Director James Tenuto, Assistant Executive Director Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel Amy Calvin, Administrative Assistant II

The special meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. via videoconference with seven Members present. Chairman Smart and Members Byers and Coffrin were present in Springfield and Vice Chairman Scholz and Members McGuffage, Schneider and Watson present in Chicago. Member Gowen was absent and Member Schneider held his proxy.

The Chairman opened the meeting by leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

The General Counsel indicated that a motion for clarification and extension of time was submitted by the proponents of Yes for Independent Maps. Attorneys William Cadigan and Michael Dorf, proponents, were present in Chicago and Attorney Mike Kasper, opponent, was present in Springfield. Mr. Sandvoss explained that the motion requests an extension of time to provide evidence of validity of signatures contained in the petition. The Procedures provide seven business days to submit evidence and will expire at 5:00 p.m. on the seventh day (May 30) unless extended by the hearing officer or Board. The Board appointed hearing officer extended the original seven day period to begin on May 28 and expire on June 5. The proponents asked to extend that deadline to June 13 and the hearing officer recommended the extension be granted. Mr. Cadigan indicated he concurred with the hearing officer and felt in fairness there was a need for the extension. Mr. Dorf said he felt confident that they could rehabilitate the signatures by June 13; however, he is still waiting for an actual number needed to be reached. The General Counsel indicated that there is not a set number they should reach for a successful rehabilitation. This number cannot be determined because of the rate of duplicate signatures; therefore, it is impossible to provide this information to Mr. Dorf.

The General Counsel also presented a petition to intervene submitted by Attorney Mike Kasper. Mr. Kasper said his client, Committee to Protect the Illinois Constitution, is a registered opponent and allows him to function as a party to the petition. He noted that both the proponent and opponent should be included in any proceedings concerning the petition. After discussion, Member Schneider moved to accept the motion to intervene. Member Byers seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0. Mr. Kasper noted he did not object to an extension until the 5th of June.

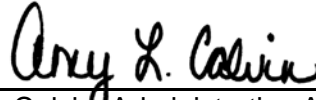
Discussion ensued regarding the signature verification process, the number of signatures for rehabilitation and the possible dates for an extension. The General Counsel indicated that if the

extension to June 13 is not granted, then June 5 will be the deadline. Member Byers moved to extend the deadline to June 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Kasper said the opponent supported Member Byers motion. Member McGuffage seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 5-3 with Members Coffrin, Gowen and Schneider voting in the negative.

The Executive Director reported on the FY15 budge and said it was lumped into a large bill. The budget is in lump sum form and contained sufficient funding for agency staff and operations. He noted that the bill is awaiting the Governor's signature and he would have an update at the June 17 Board Meeting.

With there being no further business before the Board, Member Byers moved to adjourn until June 17, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. Member Watson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Calvin, Administrative Assistant II



Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Executive Director